



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

Matsuchita et al.

Title: Silicone Rubber Composition

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Docket No. : TSL1162 ✓

Group Art Unit: 1501

Examiner: M. Marquis

RESPONSE

Date: March 12, 1998

The Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified patent application, based on the following amendments, and remarks. Claims 1-18 were rejected in the Examiner's action with mailing date 12/17/97.

REMARKS

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The examiner states that claims 1 to 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by European Patent Application 645,779 or Niemi, U.S. Patent Number 4,476,155.

The examiner states that, in EPA '779, component (C) of the present application, the 0.1 to 30 parts by weight of the treating agent, having alkenyl and alkoxy or hydroxy substitution, is shown by the 1.5 parts of the dimethylsiloxane oligomer having silanol termination. The applicants respectfully point out that a dimethyl oligomer having

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